(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what will be its impact on the common man?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arises.

Supply of LPG through pipeline

*354. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to supply LPG to consumers through pipeline; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) There is no such proposal at present.

(b) Does not arise.

Foreign collaborations signed by Indian industrialists for non-essential sector

*355. SHRI THANGABAALU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether as reported in the monthly magazine 'NEWSMAG' dated 28th February, 1986, a number of foreign collaborations have been signed by Indian industrialists in non-essential sectors like cigarettes, coffee, blades, etc. to the detriment of the domestic industry which are causing a drain on India's foreign exchange reserves;

(b) whether most of these collaborations have been sought and approved under cover of high technology; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to stop this drain on the foreign exchange reserves of the country by the private sector?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) to (c) Government's policy regarding import of technology is selective. Import of technology is permitted in sophisticated and high priority areas, in export-oriented or import substitution manufacturing, or for enabling indigenous industry to update existing technology in India to meet effectively changing consumer preferences and/or become competitive in the export market.

Appointment of Chairmen of Public Sector Undertakings

*356. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some public sector undertakings under his Ministry have been functioning without Chairmen and some without Boards of Directors.

(b) what is the reason for the delay in appointing the Chairmen of those Public Sector Undertakings; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to fill up these posts?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) Some Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) have been functioning for short periods without regular Chairmen and Managing Director/Chief Executive. There are no PSUs without a Board of Directors.